

# CHATS WITH JB

## RAINY SEASON

Hi friends. Hope you aren't flooded out of your digs, so to speak. I just wanted to take a moment to address the rain we have had this season.

I get calls about many things, one of which, is the state of our Forest roads. I, too, have been riding over them when they have been washed and have become rugged.

Today, I just want to ask you to take into consideration that we are working, even as I write, to improve bridges, culverts and roads. However, you know it takes time, money and other resources. Please know that we care and are doing our best to care for all our areas of responsibility!

Here is a silly little poem I wrote...you can laugh...it is what it is... but hopefully, I can put a slight smile on your face: 😊

*Rain, rain, go away,  
Come again another day.  
Rain, rain you're washing our roads.  
Oh my, it takes gravel by the loads.  
Rain, rain we need you, of course.  
But could you remember that you can cause remorse!  
Rain, rain we love fresh water.  
But please think that flooding's a bother.  
Rain, rain go away,  
Come again when our water table is stayed!  
Rain, rain hope you aren't dismayed!*

Smokey agrees! He thinks we have had lots of rain and Yogi says it has hurt his inventory of "picnic" baskets!!! Woodsy Owl isn't happy about so much rain either. We are hoping our rain is shared with all the forest fires around the world!

Stay safe, my friends. Never drive thru big accumulations of water on roads and stay inside, when possible, if the weather is raging!!!

As always, Smokey, Woodsy, Yogi and I send you our best wishes!



Foggy day at the Chilhowee Overlook on the Ocoee Ranger District. USDA Forest Service photo by Andrea Baquerizo.

